

# Millhouse News

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## Dates & Reminders

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm – Governor Personnel Committee meeting

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm – Full Governing Board meeting

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Governor monitoring visit

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – School Team Ministry Assemblies

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fayre

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Young Carers Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Bonnet Parade / Last Day of Term

## Parent Information

### **Parking & Driving Outside of School**

Once again, we must ask parents to ensure they park and drive safely and considerately outside the school. We have been informed by a parent that their car was damaged by another parent on Tavistock Road and several neighbours have contacted us regarding blocked driveways and speeding cars.

Please set a positive example to your children by using the roads correctly so we don't have a serious accident. We have contacted the police and parking authorities to ask them to attend during drop off and collection times.

### **Comic Relief**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief Day. We will be taking part in some of the activities which will include a non-uniform day. We appreciate we have just had a dress up day so are keeping this one simple by asking children to wear red (or something red). If parents want to do more, the children can dress as something funny. We will be asking for a donation as this event is for charity.

**To ensure all members of our school community have access to support with, and learn how to manage, their mental and physical wellbeing.**

### Wellbeing & Support

We are all concerned about the news regarding the conflict in Ukraine and understand that some parents may be worried about how to address this with their children. We believe it is important that children are given the opportunity to talk about difficult subjects and recognise that they are part of a bigger world and the part they play in that. Although it can be difficult and worrying, psychologists believe that children should not be kept in the dark about these events but that they are supported to understand and reflect in an age-appropriate way as this helps them to develop resilience, tolerance and empathy which are life-skills that allow them to cope with the world they live in.

In school, we have used Picture News and Newsround to lead discussions with the children when necessary and have attached a copy of Picture News with this newsletter (NB it was printed in the days leading up to the conflict). The following websites also have ideas for how parents can talk to and support their child:

<https://www.firstnews.co.uk/>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk>

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/emergencies/how-to-talk-to-children-about-the-conflict-in-ukraine/>

To increase access to and improve provision of reading for all children

## Reading

This week saw World Book Day and today the children and staff enjoyed dressing up as different characters and words. We also shared our favourite books and performed some stories to other classes.

All the children have been given a book token which can be used to buy a special World Book Day book or put towards a different book.

In the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March, we will have a Book Fair. More information will be sent out next week.

To enhance children's motivation and their ambition for their futures.

## Inspiring Tomorrow's Generation, Today

On Monday, Year 1 had a visit from the 'Dinosaur Man', Graham who is a palaeontologist. He talked about what his job is and why he likes it so much and the children learnt about different dinosaurs and had a 'visit' from Mary Anning who talked about her love of fossils.

Here are some comments from some of the children:

Onali liked seeing the real dinosaur fossils.

Isabella: it made her have ideas and I want to tell my dad that I want a book all about dinosaurs!

Siyansa was surprised there was a real egg that was made into a rock and there was a baby dinosaur in it. She thought it was still alive but it wasn't. I was laughing so hard when I realised Graham was holding real dinosaur poo!

Sophie: I liked seeing the fake dinosaurs around the hall but the T Rex was still a bit scary.

Theodore: I loved it! My favourite thing is dinosaurs so I listened and listened and I loved the dinosaurs the best. I learnt new things but was sad the baby dinosaur was dead. I was surprised how big the triceratops body really was and his jaws.

Mason was surprised that the dinosaur poo turned to rock and that when the dinosaurs were extinct they also turned to rock. We got to see the dinosaur poo!

Ellie: I didn't know the dinosaurs turned to rock and also how big the dinosaur eggs really were. It was nearly as big as us!

## Nursery & Secondary School Places

### Nursery

We have opened our applications for Nursery places for September (children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019). Those parents who have already registered their interest, will receive a letter and application form next week. If you would like a Nursery place in September and haven't registered your interest, please contact Mrs Neame in the school office.

### Secondary School

All parents should have been notified of their child's secondary school allocation for September this week. If you have not received this, your child has not been allocated a school or did not get the school they wanted, please come and speak to one of the Year 6 teachers or Mrs Haken and they will be happy to help you.

## Gallery



Our Year 3 and 4 Cheerleading Squads did really well at the county finals this week. After being put straight through without doing the qualifying, the Year 4s came first and Year 3s came third.

Well done to all of the children!

